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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 3715.0062-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Brigitte GICQUEL et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 09/855,604) Examiner: Konstantina T. KATCHEVES
Filed: May 16, 2001)
For: POLYPEPTIDE NUCLEIC) Confirmation No.: 2574
SEQUENCES EXPORTED FROM)
MYCOBACTERIA, VECTORS)
COMPRISING SAME AND USES)
FOR DIAGNOSING AND)
PREVENTING TUBERCULOSIS)
Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants reply to the FINAL Office Action mailed November 2, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification appear at page 2.

The Pending Claims are provided in the listing of claims at pages 3-7.¹

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 8.

¹ Applicants note that no listing of claims is required because no amendments to the claims are being made. Applicants are submitting the listing of claims herein for the Examiner's convenience.